IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1.   (canceled)

Claim 2.   (currently amended) A   contents   server   which

generates   guide   contents   for   a   tour   from   site   information,

information from a plurality of information sources and contents

information, said contents server comprising:

information   acquisition   means   for   acquiring   information

specifying   a   combination   of   the   information   from   the   plurality

of   information   sources   and   the   contents   information;

site   information   focusing   means   for   narrowing   down   the   site

information   using   the   acquired   information;

guide   contents   generating   means   for   generating   the   guide

contents   using   the   narrowed   down   site   information;

guide   contents   output   means   for   outputting   the   generated

guide   contents   on   a   plurality   of   image   layers   superimposed   on

each   other,   each   image   layer   corresponding   to   an   information

source   among   the   plurality   of   information   sources;

preview   customizing   means   for   a   user   to   preview   and

customize   the   guide   contents   on   the   basis   of   user   information

entered   by   the   user, wherein   the   user   information   includes

information   created   by   the   user   and   entered   at   least   one   of

before   or   during   the   tour,   and   wherein   the   user   created

information   is   integrated   into   the   guide   contents, ~~;~~ whereby   the

user   can   preview   and   customize   said   tour;   and

album creation means for generating an album page incorporating record information including memo information affixed to a corresponding site on ~~the~~ _a_ map from said tour in response to a user request after the tour.

Claim 3.   (original)   The contents server according to claim 2, wherein:

the site information includes site positional information, and

said guide contents generating means generates the guide contents using map data, the map data including positional information on a map for each site, said guide contents generating means laying out and displaying the site information on the map by matching the site positional information to the positional information on the map.

Claims 4-7   (canceled)

Claim 8.   (currently amended) An information processing method for generating guide contents for a tour from site information, information from a plurality of information sources and contents information, said information processing method comprising:

acquiring information specifying a combination of the information from the plurality of information sources and the contents information;

narrowing down the site information using the acquired information;

generating guide contents using the narrowed down site information;

outputting the generated guide contents on a plurality of image layers superimposed on each other, each image layer corresponding to an information source among the plurality of information sources;

previewing and customizing the guide contents on the basis of user information entered by a user, wherein the user information includes information created by the user and entered at least one of before or during the tour, and wherein the user created information is integrated into the guide contents, whereby the user can preview and customize said tour; and

generating an album page incorporating record information including memo information affixed to a corresponding site on the a map from said tour in response to a user request after the tour.

Claim 9. (original)   The information processing method according to claim 8, wherein:

the site information includes site positional information, and

the guide contents generating step generates the guide contents using map data, the map data including positional information on a map for each site, the guide contents generating step including laying out and displaying the site information on the map by matching the site positional information to the positional information on the map.

Claim 10.   (canceled)

Claim 11.   (currently amended) An information processing method for using contents information, information from a plurality of information sources, and site information including positional information specifying a position of a site to generate guide contents for a tour, said information processing method comprising:

acquiring information specifying a combination of the information from the plurality of information sources and the contents information;

narrowing down the site information using the acquired information;

matching the positional information included with the site information to positional information on a map for each site to

produce a map/site match for each site, thereby generating the guide contents;

displaying the site information and the acquired information on the map using the narrowed down site information and the map/site match for each site, the site information being displayed on a first image layer and the acquired information being displayed on a second image layer superimposed with the first image layer;

previewing and customizing the guide contents on the basis of user information entered by a user, wherein the user information includes information created by the user and entered at least one of before or during the tour, and wherein the user created information is integrated into the guide contents, whereby the user can preview and customize said tour; and

generating an album page incorporating record information including memo information affixed to a corresponding site on the map from said tour in response to a user request after the tour.

Claim 12. (original) The information processing method according to claim 11, wherein the displaying step displays the site information on the map using an icon corresponding to the site information.

Claim 13. (original)   The information processing method according to claim 12, wherein the displaying step displays the site information corresponding to the icon.

Claims 14-25   (canceled)

Claim 26. (previously presented) The contents server according to claim 2, wherein the generated guide contents are outputted based on an update date of the guide contents.

Claim 27. (previously presented) The information processing method according to claim 8, wherein the generated guide contents are outputted based on an update date of the guide contents.

Claim 28. (previously presented) The information processing method according to claim 11, wherein the site information is outputted based on an update date of the guide contents.